MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Mount Pisgah Baptist Association,

BEGUN AND HELD WITH THE

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH,

NEWTON COUNTY,

SEPTEMBER 30th AND OCTOBER 2d, 1854.

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MINUTES.

PLEASANT HILL CHURCH,

NEWTON COUNTY, MISS., September 30th, 1854.

THIS day convened at the stand, the delegates to the Eighteenth Annual Session of the "MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION," together with a large congregation, and were addressed by Elder J. MALLORY, who delivered the Introductory Sermon, founded upon 1st clause, 130th verse, 119th Psalm—"*The entrance of thy words giveth light.*"

An intermission of half an hour, and the delegates met in the Church house.

The business of the Association opened by praise and prayer, by the Moderator, Elder Clarke.

Elders J. Merchant and J. White appointed to preach at the stand.

Rev. R. T. Gatewood and E. L. Carter, appointed to read the correspondence.

Rev. W. L. McIntosh, Chairman; E. G. Tullos and B. B. Windham, appointed a Committee on Finance, who received the contributions from the Churches, and also examined the Treasurer's report.

Letters were received and read from 33 Churches, delegate's names enrolled, and general statistics minuted. [See table of Churches.]

Rev. W. P. Carter and E. Kennedy acted as tellers, and the delegates proceeded to elect, by ballot, Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, Rev. N. L. Clarke, Moderator; J. M. Chambers, Clerk, and J. Mallory, Treasurer. Rev. W. R. Butler was appointed Assistant Clerk.

The Moderator announced that the Association was duly organized, and ready to proceed to business. Visiting brethren invited to seats, and rules of decorum read.

An opportunity was given for the reception of new Churches. The following new Churches presented application, and, upon examination, were found orthodox and orderly in practice, were received in full fellowship. Harmony, Salem, and Mount Carmel, Smith county; Spring Hill, Rankin county; Tallahala, Scott county; and Ellisville, Jones county.

Committee on Preaching—Wm. Thomas, Chairman; M. Tyler, J. M. Trussel, M. Stephens, and J. McIlhaney.

Received correspondence from the following sister Associations:

EBENEZER—Elder J. P. Johnston, no letter; minutes, to convene at New Hope Church, Covington county, on Friday preceding 4th Lord's day in September, 1855.

HARMONY—Elder W. S. Rushing, letter and minutes, to convene with Good Hope Church, Madison county, on Saturday preceding 3d Lord's day in September, 1855.

BETHLEHEM—Elders W. P. Carter, R. Y. Rasberry, and J. White, with letter; no minutes.

LIBERTY—Elder M. Wolfe, no letter or minutes; to convene with Shady Grove Church, Wayne county, on Saturday preceding 3d Lord's day in September, 1855.

American Indian Mission Association, Louisville, Ky.—Elder A. McKenzie, agent, was received and cordially invited to participate in the deliberations.

Strong River Association—Elder J. Chandler, messenger, presented a request to open correspondence, which was granted. Said Association to convene on Saturday preceding 2d Lord's day in October, 1854.

Arranged correspondence to sister Associations as follows:

Committee to Write Letters—Rev. R. T. Gatewood, Chairman; W. R. Butler, and W. White.

To EBENEZER—J. G. H. Baugh and J. Williams.
To HARMONY—R. T. Gatewood and W. R. Butler.
To PEARL RIVER—Discontinued.
To LIBERTY—W. H. Hatsel and J. H. Rush.
To BETHLEHEM—E. L. Carter and J. N. Reis.
To STRONG RIVER—L. P. Merril and L. Jenkins.

The Committee on Preaching reported that Elders W. P. Carter, A. McKenzie, N. L. Clarke, and J. Chandler, preach in the order of their names, on Lord's day. Brother McKenzie to preach the Missionary Sermon.

Resolved, That in future there be two additional Standing Committees appointed, one on Indian Missions and the other on Foreign Missions; and also to take into consideration Elder I. J. Roberts, Missionary in China.

The Moderator announced the following Committees:

Committee on Arrangement—L. P. Murrel, Chairman; J. Bailiff, E. L. Carter, with Moderator and Clerk.

On Documents and state of Religion—J. M. Chambers, Chairman; J. Merchant, J. Rush, M. Waldrop, and S. F. Wall.

On Queries and Requests—W. White, Chairman; D. Dove and A. C. Gunn.

On Nominations—H. N. Reis, Chairman; J. G. H. Baugh, A. Winsted, L. Jenkins, and S. H. Curry.

On Indian Missions—N. L. Clarke, Chairman; A. McKenzie and J. Mallory.

On Foreign Missions—W. White, Chairman; J. M. Chambers, A. M. King, and T. D. Collins.

The Tenth Annual Report of the Board of Domestic Missions was read and laid on the table at 10 o'clock Monday.

Resolved, That the public collection be taken up at the close of the Missionary Sermon, on to-morrow, for Domestic, Indian, and Foreign Missions.

Resolved, That we adjourn to Monday, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Prayer by Bro. W. P. Carter.

LORD'S DAY, OCTOBER 1st, 1854.

Bro. W. P. Carter delivered a Sermon, founded on 5th chapter Acts 14th verse—"*And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.*" Theme—Visible Kingdom of Christ.

Bro. A. McKenzie delivered the Missionary Sermon, founded on the last clause, 10th verse, 9th chapter Zachariah, "*and his dominion shall be from sea even to sea, and from the river even unto the ends of the earth.*" Theme—Spread of the Gospel. Both of these discourses were interesting and impressive, and were heard by a large and attentive congregation. At the close of the Missionary Sermon, collections were taken up—for Domestic Missions, twenty dollars and fifty-five cents; for Indian Missions, forty-two dollars and twenty-five cents; for I. J. Roberts, Foreign Missionary in China, seventeen dollars and thirty-five cents. The day being considerably advanced, the other brethren did not preach. May God bless his truth this day.

CLERK.

MONDAY, October 2d, 1854.

The Association met. Praise and prayer by Bro. W. S. Rushing. The roll called. Rules of decorum read. Visiting brethren invited to seats,

The Committee on Arrangements reported the same order of business of last year, and was adopted.

Called for Reports of Committees.

Resolved, That there be a Special Committee of five appointed to revise the districts of the Churches of the Association. L. P. Murrel, Chairman; A. M. King, J. Williams, A. Winsted, M. Waldrop; and on motion, E. L. Carter was added.

The Committee on Documents and state of Religion, presented their report, and was adopted. [See Appendix A.

The Committee on Queries and Requests reported, and after some discussion, was amended and adopted. [Appendix B.

The Committe to Write Letters to Sister Associations reported, and the letters were adopted.

The Annual Report of Board was called from the table and adopted. [See Appendix C.

The Special Committee to re-district the Association, reported, and was adopted. [See table of Churches.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented their report, and was adopted. [See Appendix D.

The Committee on Indian Missions presented their report, and was adopted after some discussion. [See Appendix E.

The Committee on Finance presented their report, and was adopted. [See Appendix F.

Resolved, That Brother J. M. Chambers be instructed to forward any funds for Foreign Missions, or for I. J. Roberts, and for Indian Missions, to their proper destination.

Recess for half an hour, to arrange the Union Meetings, also to allow the Bible Society an opportunity to hold a meeting.

Resumed business.

The Committee on Nominations presented their report, and was adopted. [See Appendix G.

The following is the order of the Union Meetings:

1st District—At Herbert Church, 5th Lord's day in Jan., 1855.

2d District—At Decatur Church, 5th Lord's day in Oct., 1854.

3d District—At Providence Church, 5th Lord's day in April, 1855.

4th District—At Concord Church, 5th Lord's day in July, 1855.

Resolved, That the Association appoint ten delegates to meet in Convention with the Bethel Church, on Friday before the 4th Lord's day in October, instant, for the purpose of consulting and forming a General Association of Baptists of South-eastern Mississippi, if thought advisable, and agreeable to propositions and resolutions adopted by this body in October, 1853.

The following delegates were appointed: L. P. Murrel, J. M. Chambers, John Thornton, S. F. Wall, M. C. Thomas, N. L. Clarke, A. Anderson, A. M. King, J. Mallory, M. Tyler, and W. L. McIntosh.

Resolved, That the Abstract of Faith, Powers of the Association, Gospel Order, and Rules of Decorum, be published in these minutes. [See Appendix H.

Resolved, That a letter of dismission be granted to Antioch Church, in full fellowship.

Resolved, That the privilege be granted to the Bible Society to append

her proceedings to these Minutes, the Society paying expense thereof. [See Appendix I.

Resolved, That the next session of the Association be held with Decatur Baptist Church, on Saturday preceding the first Lord's day in October, 1855.

Resolved, That the cordial thanks of this Association be presented to this Church and congregation for their liberality in sustaining this body.

Resolved, That the following be adopted in regard to Indian Missions. [See Appendix E.

Resolved, That the Clerk prepare these Minutes for the press, distribute the same to the Churches, and reserve one hundred and fifty copies for sister Associations, and that he be allowed the sum of twenty dollars for his services.

Resolved, That Elder W. H. Hatsel be appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and that M. C. Thomas be alternate.

Resolved, That the Clerk be instructed to write to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, stating the amount of Missionary labor performed and funds contributed for Missions.

Resolved, That the Association proceed to transact Missionary business. Bro. R. T. Gatewood appointed Moderator, *pro tem.*

Resolved, That our beloved Brother, N. L. Clarke, be appointed Missionary for one half his time during the coming year, and that he be allowed the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per day whilst engaged—the service on Lord's day not to be considered.

Bro. Clarke accepted the appointment, and was recognized, by extending the right hand of fellowship, as such. Bro. A. McKenzie led in prayer for the divine blessing to rest upon his labors.

Resolved, That the Association adjourn, to meet with Decatur Church on Saturday preceding the first Lord's day in October, 1855.

Prayer by Bro. ———

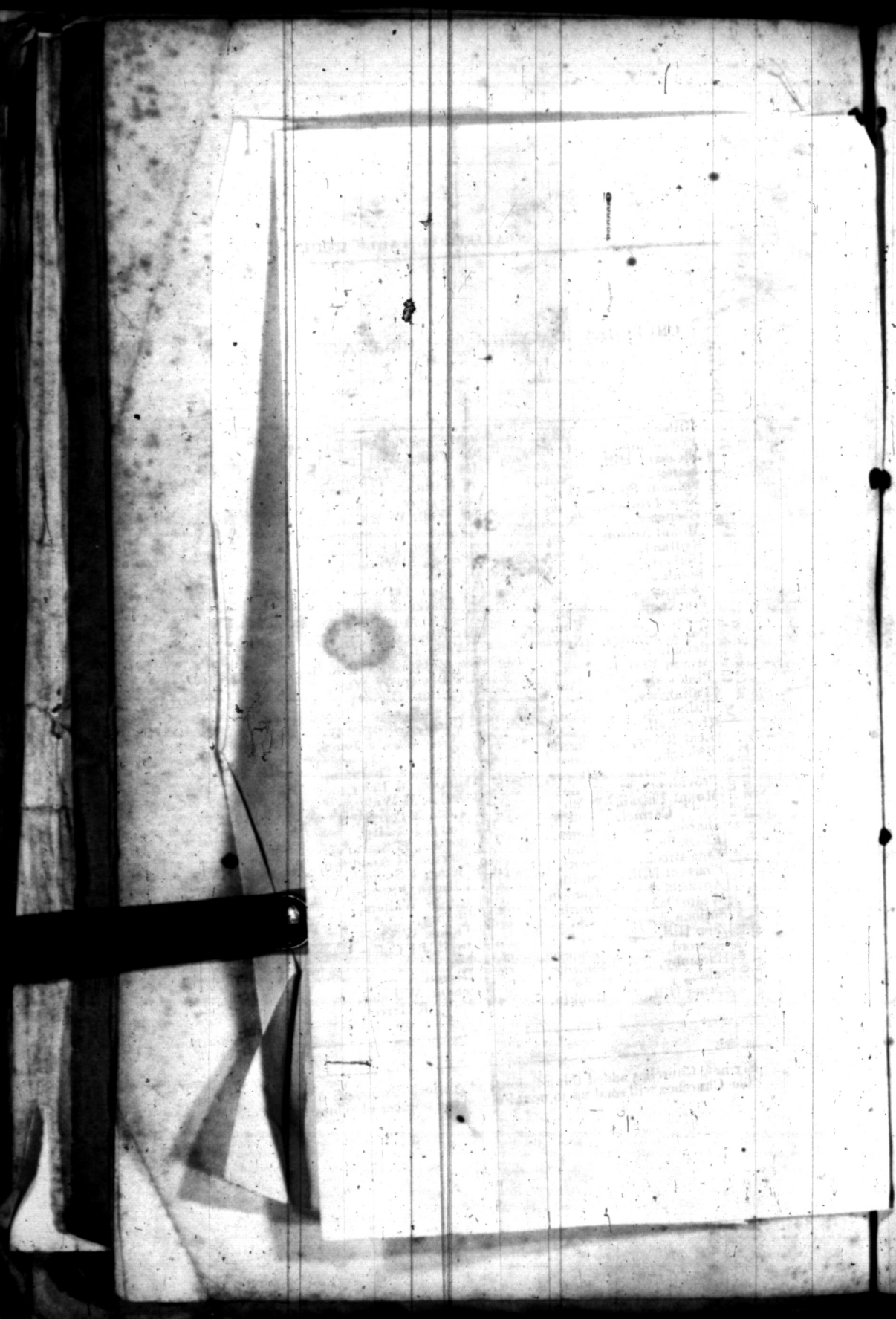
N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE EXHIBITING THE CHURCHES OF THE MOUNT PISGAH ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 30th, 1854.

DISTRICTS.	CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICE.	Baptized.	Restored.	Received by letter.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Dead.	White Males.	White Females.	Colored.	Total members.	Number Minutes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Association.	Domestic Missions.	Foreign Missions	Indian Missions.	For L. J. Roberts, Missry in China.	Time of meeting.	No. of Ministers: Ordained.	Licensed.	REMARKS.
FIRST DISTRICT. 10 churches.	Hillsboro',	Scott,	J M Chambers, R T Gatewood,	Hillsboro'				3	1	4	12	22	6	40	25	5 00	3 00	5 00	2 00	2 00	4	2		J M Chambers, P
	Friendship,	Leake,	W White, W H Hatsel,	Bulluctah,	7			1			17	32	1	50	30	4 00	6 00	4 00		3 00	2	1	1	W H Hatsel, P
	Pleasant Hill,	Newton,	L P Murrel, L Jenkins,	Conahatta,	16			3	3	1				80	35	6 00	19 50				1	1	1	L P Murrel, P
	Union,	Scott,	W R Butler, J H Butler,	Hillsboro',	1			1		1				27	20	3 00			1 00		2	2		W R & J H Butler, P
	Sulphur Springs,	do	A G Pettey, A C Gun,	do	4								1	36	20	3 00	3 55				3			R T Gatewood, P
	New Prospect,	do	S F Wall, W M Christian,	do				3	1					26	10	2 50					3	1		J M Chambers, S
	Ebenezer,	Neshoba,	E S Jones, R Sunderwood,	Union,							11	12	5	28	20	5 00								P F Moorehead, S
	Mount Nelson,	do	A Jackson, J S Thomas,	Philadelphia,				3		1				69	50	3 80					1			L B Barnes, S
	Redland,	do	S Parish, A Winsted,	Union,	2			18	5	1	11	13	3	27	15	2 00	18 10	3 00			1	1	1	D Killen, P
	Herbert,	do	T D Collins,	Herbert,	5				1		16	18	4	38	15	2 00	5 00				3			M C Thomas, S
SECOND DISTRICT. 10 churches.	Bulah,	Newton,	H N Reis, D Dove,	Decatur,	2				2					41	20	3 00					3		2	Missionary.
	Decatur,	do	N L Clarke, J Bailiff,	do	8			1	1	1	16	36	4	56	40	5 00	17 55				1	1		N H Clarke, P
	Pinckney,	do	H Gill, L M Patterson,	Union,	2			7	1	1	19	24		43	25	3 00	[illegible]	2 25			4	1	1	M C Thomas P
	Zion,	Kemper,	B B Windham,	Fort Foote,	14			6	1					67	35	5 00					1			I J Hand, S
	Poplar Springs,	Newton,	C Wells, J Bell,	Garlandsville,	1			2	1					19	15	2 00					1			J Williams, S
	Bethel,	do	W L McIntosh, J M Kelley,	do	1			6	1		17	37	12	66	35	5 00					3			L P Murrel, S
	Mount Vernon,	do	M M Bishop, W West,	do	3			10	1					34	20	2 00	3 60						2	W Thigpen, S
	Pine Ridge,	do	J Hamilton, D Fore,	Hillsboro',							9	14	4	27	15	1 50	5 65				2			L P Murrel, S
	Tallahatta,	do	J M Trussel,	Battlefield,	5	1			1		15	22	1	38	20	2 50	10 80	50			2			M C Thomas, S
	Tallahala,	Scott,	S H Curry, F Broadway,	Homewood,	1									15	10	1 50					4			Missionary.
	Hopewell,	do,	W A Gatewood, J Jones,	do	1						4	7	5	16	12	3 00					1			W A Hutson, S
THIRD DISTRICT. 9 churches.	Leaf River,	Smith,	J Mallory,	Pineville,	4		3	11	2		20	33	7	60	30	3 00					3	2		J Mallory, P
	Raleigh,	do	M Stephens, J Thornton,	Raleigh,	5	1	1	3	2	1	18	45	4	67	25	3 00	20 00				2		1	Missionary.
	Fairmount,	Jasper,	J Williams, M Tyler,	Garlandsville,	8			10			24	25	15	64	30	3 00	8 30				3	1		J Williams, P
	Providence,	do	E L Carter, M Waldrop,	Claiborne		3	1	10	4		9	19	8	38	25	2 50	5 00				3	1		E L Carter, P
	Mount Pisgah,	do	J H Rush, A Perry,	Garlandsville,	13	1	2	1	1	1				38	30	3 00	9 50				4			Missionary.
	" Carmel,	Smith,	M E Gary, J A Hitt,	Homewood,	1									6	10	2 00	3 00				2			J G H Baugh, S
	Sharon,	Jones,	J Anderson, B Smith	Claiborne,	10	1	3		1	2				25	20	2 00	5 00				4			Missionary.
	Ellisville,	do	A Anderson, H Anderson,	Ellisville,	11									15	15	2 00	3 50				4			do.
	Line Creek,	Scott,	A M King, F S Smith,	Orion,		1	1	16	1					66	40	5 00	7 00				2	1	1	J M Chambers, p't time
	Pleasant Hill,	Smith,	J G H Baugh, J Strong,	Polkville,							12	13	3	28	20	3 00	2 25				1	1		J Mallory, S
FOURTH DISTRICT. 10 churches.	Antioch,	Rankin,	H Jones, W Walters,	do	2			5						62	25	4 00					4			J Chandler, S
	White Oak,	Smith,	J McIlhaney,	do	11	3		5	2	1	15	14	2	31	20	2 50					3		1	do
	Shiloah,	do	E G Tullos, W Thomas,	Trenton,	1	1		1						21	25	2 50	10 95				4			J Mallory, S
	Zion Hill,	do	W Howell, J F Cole,	Bunker Hill,	22		1	3			20	31	12	63	30	3 00	11 40				1			E L Carter, S
	Concord,	Simpson,	J Butler,	do	18									47	25	3 00	6 70				2			Missionary.
	Harmony,	Smith,	W F Bryant,	Old Hickory,	3									17	12	1 50					2			do
	Salem,	do	J Merchant, W Jones,	Raleigh,										17	10	1 50					4	1		J Merchant, P
	Spring Hill,	Rankin,	A Collum, R Harrel,	Brandon,										14	12	4 50					3			W A Hutson, S
					182	26	162	147	34	15				1522	891	117 80	190 10	14 75	3 00	5 00		17	13	

Six new Churches added this Session, and Antioch dismissed; one hundred and seventy-four members nett gain over last year.—CLERK
The Churches will send up to next Session the number of white males, white females, and the number of colored members.—CLERK



NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. F. Wall, Hillsboro'
R. T. Gatewood, do
W. R. Butler, do
J. H. Butler, do
L. P. Murrel, do
J. M. Chambers, do
W. H. Hatsel, Pensacola,
J. Mallory, Hillsboro'
M. C. Thomas, Union.
D. Killen, Union,
N. L. Clarke, Decatur,
W. A. Hutson, Green Bush,
J. Williams, Garlandsville,
E. L. Carter, Claiborne,
S. S. Turner, Pineville,
J. Merchant, Raleigh,
J. G. H. Baugh, Polkville,
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LICENTIATES.

A. M. King, Orion,
W. White, Bullactah,
A. Winsted, Union,
J. C. Gill, Union,
L. Jenkins, Connahatta,
H. N. Reis, Decatur,
D. Dove, do
G. Myers, Union.
W. J. Abbott, Herbert,
Simeon Davis, Garlandsville,
J. H. Rush, do
J. H. Gary, do
D. Miley, Polkville,
M. M. Bishop, Garlandsville,
J. Thornton, Raleigh,
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APPENDICES.

APPENDIX A.

REPORT ON DOCUMENTS AND STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee would beg leave to report that they have had under consideration the letters from the churches, and the documents from corresponding Associations. We learn that most of the churches are enjoying peace, and have realized some refreshing from the presence of God, and that the good work of the Lord is progressing. Many neighborhoods have been visited during the past year, and have received the Gospel. Six new churches have been admitted at this session. To those churches that complain of coldness, we would commend more faithfulness in maintaining a sound Gospel discipline, and more prayfulness to God that he would again revive his work and build up his kingdom in their midst.

The Associations with whom we correspond, appear to be in peace in their respective churches, and have enjoyed a measure of the divine presence in prospering the cause and extending the kingdom of Christ in our State.

We would recommend the reading of the Scriptures, and the discharge of every Christian duty. Also, the following Baptist newspapers and periodicals:—Tennessee Baptist, Parlor Visitor, Nashville—Western Recorder; Indian Advocate, and Christian Repository, Louisville, Ky.; Alabama Baptist, and Home and Foreign Journal, Richmond, Va.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your Committee, finding no queries proper, but from Redland Church, a statement of facts, and a request for advice thereon, viz.:—"*We have*

taken an excluded member under the watch and care of the Church; his walk has been orderly since he has been with us. We have written two letters to the Church that excluded him, and have received no answer. We wish advice from your body what course to pursue."

Answer—We know of no way by which an excluded member may be restored to fellowship, according to Baptist usage and discipline, while the church that excluded him is still in existence, or occupies a regular stand in our connexion, but for the excluded member to seek his restoration at the hands of the church that excluded him, till he obtains it; if he cannot obtain restoration there, no other church can consistently take him into fellowship. We respectfully recommend the above answer to the preceding request; and also, that a letter of dismission be granted to Antioch Church; and that the next session of the Association be held with Decatur Church, according to her request.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

WILEY WHITE, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF MISSIONARY BOARD.

Pleasant Hill Church, September 30th, 1854.

The Board acknowledges itself again under renewed obligations of gratitude, thanksgiving and praise to the God of all grace, for his sustaining and preserving care, that enables us to present you this report, and for his special blessing to us in the work which we are engaged, as you will see in the following:

Your Missionary, Elder N. L. Clarke, has been actively, and we believe zealously, engaged in preaching the Gospel to the destitute, for a great portion of the time since your last session. His quarterly reports exhibit a steady progress in the good work; destitutions have been reached, and supplied with the bread and water of life; the gospel preached; sinners have been converted and gathered into the fold by the organization of gospel churches. He has labored 204 days, preached 200 sermons, baptized 64 persons, received 53 by letter, constituted 5 churches, ordained 2 deacons, travelled 2953 mile, and sustained, as Missionary, the relation of supply to 7 churches a portion of the time, and has performed much other religious service not here reported.

Thus, brethren, we have presented a condensed exhibit of the labors of your Missionary, which we regard as encouraging, and would respectfully recommend you to continue Missionary service for another year. And may the Lord continue his wanted favor. Amen.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Sec'y. S. F. WALL, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Committee on Foreign Missions beg leave to report that Foreign Missions, under the patronage of the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, ought to receive the prayers and contributions of Christians. Missions are sustained by that Board in Africa and China. Ministers are laboring in each to preach the Gospel, and translate faithfully the Scriptures, so that the people may be enlightened, and taught "the way, the truth, and the life," as it is in Jesus Christ.

We would especially call your attention to Brother I. J. Roberts, who we believe is a faithful Minister of Jesus Christ, and has labored and toiled long, as Missionary in China, to preach the Gospel among her benighted millions, and to circulate the sacred Scriptures. There is evi-

dently both civil and moral revolution progressing in China, and especial aid should be extended by Christians to circulate the Scriptures, and have the word preached. He is dependant upon voluntary contributions to sustain him, and is not under the patronage of any Foreign Board.—We believe, under the divine direction of God, that he is doing a great work among the Chinese. Let him receive the prayers and contributions of the people of God. Funds sent up by the churches, intended for his use, either in preaching or circulating the Scriptures, must be specially designated. May the Lord prosper you in every good word and work.

Resolved, That we recommend and commend the objects of Missionary effort and benevolence, mentioned in the foregoing report, to the prayerful consideration and pecuniary support of this Association, and to the churches composing the same, and any monies sent up to the Association for these objects, or either of them, shall be received and forwarded according to their special designation. Respectfully submitted,

WILEY WHITE, Chairman.

APPENDIX E.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INDIAN MISSIONS.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Indian Missions beg leave to present the following report:

There is no subject that has stronger claims upon the benevolence of the American people than that of enlightening and civilizing the aboriginal race of our own beloved country. This is obvious from the following considerations, viz:—

1st. We possess and occupy their former country. In the settlement of the American continent, by the white man, we found them here in peaceable possession of this goodly land, a poor, savage, wild people; and by purchase, at a very low rate, we have gotten their country, which constituted all they possessed, from which we have our wealth.

2d. The Indians are our door neighbors; they live among us—our fellow citizens—and while we enjoy Gospel privileges and blessings so abundantly, we ought to feel for our neighbors. Again, civilized and enlightened neighbors are the best; indeed such only make safe and good neighbors.

3d. Nothing can civilize the Indian and make them happy, but the Gospel, and experiments have fully established the fact that they are as susceptible of the Gospel as any heathen people; and nothing is needed, under the divine blessing, to elevate their moral character, but to send the Gospel among them.

4th. Unless the Indian receives the Gospel from our hands, they never will receive it at all. No other Christian nation will come among us to give the Gospel to our neighbors—and, indeed, they are looking to us, and earnestly begging us for the bread of life.

5th. The Indian tribes are fast passing away, and what is done for them must be done quickly, and now is the time for us to labor in the good cause.

6th. Our labors among the Indians have been greatly and signally owned and blessed of the Lord. No mission has yielded so large an income to the amount of money expended, and labor bestowed, as that of Indian Missions, which should encourage us to active labors, and loose no time.

7th. We have beloved brethren and sisters, who are in the field, and are suffering for means to support on, and they have nowhere else to look or expect assistance but to us.

From the above named considerations, as well as others that might be

named, we conclude that, at this time, no missions have a stronger claim upon our sympathies and contributions, than Indian Missions, and we rejoice to know there is a glorious work of religion going on among them, and the number of converts are being rapidly multiplied. Therefore, we earnestly recommend you to pass such resolutions, and take such measures, as may best bring this subject before the churches of this Association and their congregations, and take up collections annually for the spread of the blessed Gospel among that long neglected people.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

After the foregoing report was adopted by the Association, the following was adopted as expressive of the sense and obligation of the Associatiation to the claims of Indian Missions:

1st. That this Association views with deep emotion the moral wants of our Western Indian tribes, and highly approve of the organization and objects of the American Indian Mission Association, at Louisville, Ky.; that we will, according to our ability, co-operate with it in its noble work.

2d. That to carry out these objects, this Association will receive and forward to the Treasurer of said Association, all moneys contributed for Indian Missions by the churches; that the Pastors of churches of this Association be requested to present the claims of Indian Missions before the churches of their charge.

APPENDIX F.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE, WITH TREASURER'S ACCOUNT CURRENT.

J. Mallory, Treasurer, in account current with Mount Pisgah Association:

Oct. 3, 1853.	To cash balance on hand,	$15 97½		
" "	By cash received from churches.	100 50		
		$116 47½	$116 47½	
	Cr.			
Oct. 6, 1853.	By cash paid Clerk for services,	$15 00		
" "	By cash paid for Printiing and distributing Minutes,	62 50		
Sept., 1854	By cash paid Messengers to different Associations,	30 00	$107 50	
	Balance on hand,			$8 97½

MISSIONARY FUND.

J. Mallory, Dr.

Oct. 3, 1853.	To cash received from churches,	$229 25	
" " "	from public collection,	28 55	
Oct. 31. " "	from collection at Decatur,	9 10	
Jan. 8, 1854. "	collection at Friendship,	14 10	
May 18, " "	from Bulah Church,	5 50	
" " "	from H. Dunn,	1 00	
July 30, " "	from collection at Antioch,	20 00	
		$307 50	
		60	
		$306 90	

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Oct. 3, 1853, to Sept. 30, 1854. By cash paid to N. L. Clarke, Missionary, per orders of Board,		$293 10	
Sept. 30, 1854. Cash on hand,		$13 80	
		J. MALLORY, Treasurer Mount Pisgah Association.	

We, the Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Treasurer's account current and vouchers, beg leave to report that they have examined the same, and it is correct. We have received at this session, from churches and individuals, the following amounts:

For Association purposes,		$121 55	$121 55
For Domestic Missions,		204 35	
" "	collection Lord's day,	20 55	224 90
For Foreign Missions,		15 00	15 00
" "	for I. J. Roberts, in China,	6 00	
" "	" " collection,	19 00	25 00
For Indian Missions,		3 00	
" "	public collection, Lord's day,	45 25	45 25
	Total amount,		$431 70

Respectfully submitted,
WM. L. McINTOSH, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have nominated Elder W. H. Hatsel to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and Elder M. C. Thomas, alternate. Also recommend Elder N. L. Clarke to be continued as Missionary for the ensuing year; and have nominated the following brethren for Missionary Board:—Elder R. T. Gatewood, Chairman; J. M. Chambers, Secretary; J. Mallory, Treasurer.

1st District.
L. P. Murrel,
D. Killen,
W. White and T. D. Collins,

2d District.
J. M. Trussel,
H. N. Rice and J. Hamilton,
W. L. McIntosh,
S. H. Curry.

3d District.
E. L. Carter,
J. Williams,
J. Anderson, W. Porter,
M. Stevens.

4th District.
A. M. King, J. G. H. Baugh,
James Merchant,
William Howell,
William Thomas.

APPENDIX H.

Abstract of Faith and Gospel Order as Amended at this Session.

PREAMBLE.

We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him all his posterity; in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature. Consequently, the Scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved his people with an everlasting love; that he chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that he calleth them with an holy and effectual calling, and being justified alone through the power of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the righteousness of God, through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one mediator between God and men—the man Christ Jesus, who by the satisfaction he made to the law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, hath by his most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness, to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth, that he has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God, from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER AS AMENDED.

1. We believe that a visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves to the Lord and to one another in brotherly covenant, to keep up a Godly discipline agreeably to the rules of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Law-giver of his church; that the government is with the body, the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the Church until his second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by Ministers called of God, and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytry of regular Baptist Ministers.

5. We believe that immersion, only, is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel, and give themselves as members to the visible Church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion, every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each Church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any Church which may hold false doctrines, or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can, in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general, to advance the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem it practicable.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every Association, of every church, or every individual member of a church, to support them, or not to support them, according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and this right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion, whereby this right is called in question, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith and order.

5. Ministers of the Gospel, in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn at any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a Treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own by-laws, and regulate their own proceedings in such manner as they may think expedient.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of Delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectively belong, and shall be styled the *Mt. Pisgah*.

2. Such Delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the No. baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present. Said Moderator and Clerk shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, till a new election takes place; and, while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incident to these offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their Delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two Delegates, and no more, until her number shall reach 100, and one Delegate for every additional 50 members thereafter, until she may have four Delegates, and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer nor debate any query on gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion, made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the Minutes, unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided, at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflections on the Association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than three times upon the same subject, without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the Dhair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association; and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the Delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over whenever thought necessary.

20. The Minutes shall be read and carefully corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the Minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

23. Immediately after the organization of the Association, the Rules of Order shall be distinctly read, by order from the Moderator.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment, at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

APPENDIX I.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE TENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MOUNT PISGAH BIBLE SOCIETY.

Pleasant Hill Church, September 29th, 1854.

This day, according to appointment, Elder E. L. Carter delivered the Annual Sermon before the "Bible Society and Missionary Board of the

Association." The Society did not transact any business until Monday, the 2d of October, when the Society convened in its tenth annual meeting, Elder L. P. Murrel President, J. M. Chambers, Secretary and Agent. The services were introduced by praise and prayer by Rev. R. T. Gatewood.

The Annual Account Current of the Agent and Treasurer was presented and adopted, to which we refer.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following officers be appointed for the ensuing year: Elder R. T. Gatewood, President; J. M. Chambers, Secretary, Agent and Treasurer; Managers, W. R. Butler, E. L. Carter, J. Mallory and W White.

Six dollars and twenty-five cents received from new members.

Bro. Gatewood was appointed to preach the next Annual Sermon, and Bro. W. R. Butler, Alternate.

Resolved, That the President appoint five Delegates to meet in the Convention with Bethel Church, on Friday before the 4th Lord's day in October next, for the purpose of consulting, and organizing, if thought expedient, in the formation of a general Association. The following were apppointed, viz: N. L. Clarke, R. T. Gatewood, W. R. Butler, E. L. Carter and J. M. Chambers.

Resolved, That permission be asked of the Association to append these proceedings to the Minutes of the Association, and this Society pay the expenses thereof.

Resolved, That we adjourn to meet at Decatur Baptist Church on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, 1855.

L. P. MURREL, President.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Secretary.

TENTH ANNUAL ACCOUNT CURRENT.

J. M. Chambers, in Account with the Mount Pisgah Bible Society, from September 30th, 1853, to September 29th, 1854.

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Oct. 3, '53.	To Cash rec'd from members,	$19 95		
Sept. 30, '53.	To Cash on hand last report,	40 83		
" 29, '54.	" Rec'd from sales of Bibles, &c.,	52 10		
" " "	" Rec'd from old debts,	6 00		
" " "	To amount of old debts not collected Given away,	7 05		
" " "	To Cash due by sundry persons,	14 15		
" " "	" Bibles and Testaments given away	2 00		
" " "	" Amount of Bibles and Testaments on hand in Depository, at first cost,	33 65	$175	73

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Nov. 1853.	By Cash paid for printing,	5 00		
" "	By Cash remitted to I. J. Roberts to circulate the Scriptures in China,	10 00		
Jany. 1854.	By Cash paid for Bibles and Testaments in New York,	105 00		
Feby. "	By Cash paid for freight on Bibles,	8 00		
Sept. "	By amount of old debts not collected and given away,	7 05		

"	"	By amount due by sundry persons,	14 05	
"	"	By amount Bibles and Testaments given away,	2 00	
"	"	By amount Bibles and Testaments on hand,	33 65	$184 75

To Cash due J. M. Chambers $9 02

J. M. CHAMBERS, Agent.

September 29, 1854.

APOLOGETIC.

The Minutes could not be published at as early a period as was desired, in consequence of the prevalence of yellow fever in Brandon, where the contract for printing was made.

CLERK.